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Remarks

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

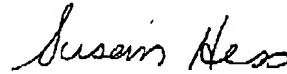
Claims 31-33 are pending in the application. Claims 31-33 have been rejected.

Claims 31-33 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 7,026,304 (the '304 patent). In response to this rejection, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith, disclaiming the term of any patent that issues from the present application, that would extend beyond the expiry of the '304 patent.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 31-33 under the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

A good faith effort has been made to place the present application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be of value, she is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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